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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph [0022] with the following amended paragraph:

[0022] Fig. 1A illustrates a side-view of a skein holding device 10 according to various embodiments of the present invention. Fig. 1B illustrates a top-view of the skein holding device 10 according to various embodiments. The skein holding device 10 may have a mounting end 12 and a hanging end 14. The hanging end 14 may have an inside surface 11. According to various embodiments, the skein holding device 10 is made of hard rubber, plastic, or aluminum. Also according to various embodiments, the skein holding device 10 is partially or totally covered with a coating such as a rubber coating 19, 21.

Please replace paragraph [0023] with the following amended paragraph:

[0023] In various embodiments, the mounting end 12 of the skein holding device 10 has a narrow hook shape for mounting the skein holding device 10 on, for example, a narrow orifice. In other embodiments, the mounting end 12 of the skein holding device 10 has a wide hook shape for mounting the skein holding device 10 on, for example, a larger orifice. According to various embodiments, the mounting end 12 also includes a clamp or latch 15 (~~not shown~~).

Please replace paragraph [0024] with the following amended paragraph:

[0024] The hanging end 14 of the skein holding device 10 has, in various embodiments, a wide hook shape. A wide hook shape on the hanging end 14 can, for example, allow the hanging end 14 to accommodate large quantities of cable or wire, or quantities of cable or wire that are thick. In another embodiment, the hanging end 14 of the skein holding device 10 has a narrow hook shape. A narrow hook shape on the hanging end 14 can, for example, allow the hanging end 14 to accommodate small quantities of cable or wire, or wire that is thin. According to various embodiments, the hanging end 14 of the skein holding device 10 has grooves 13 (~~not shown~~) along its inside surface 11. The grooves 13, in various embodiments, are roughly the same diameter as the cable or wire to be held by the skein holding device 10. The grooves 13 can, for example, help to prevent cable or wire from slipping out of the hanging end 14. According to various embodiments, the hanging end 14 has a clamp or latch 17 (~~not shown~~). A clamp or latch 17 on the hanging end 14 can, for example, help to secure cable or wire to the hanging end 14.

Please replace paragraph [0027] with the following amended paragraph:

[0027] In various embodiments, the mounting end 12 of the skein holding device 10 can be secured to various supporting structures by additional means. For example, in various embodiments, the mounting end 12 has a coating 19 such as a rubber coating to increase friction between the skein holding device 10 and the supporting structure. Also, in various embodiments, a clamp or latch 15 (~~not shown~~) is present on the mounting end 12 as described

hereinabove. A The clamp or latch 15 can further secure the skein holding device 10 to the supporting structure.

Please replace paragraph [0028] with the following amended paragraph:

[0028] According to various embodiments, the hanging end 14 of the skein holding device 10 is used to hang cable or wire from the skein holding device 10 as shown, for example, in Figs. 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 5. Cable or wire may be secured to the hanging end 14 in a variety of ways. For example, gravity can be used to keep the cable or wire in place as illustrated in Figs. 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, and 5. In various embodiments, a rubber coating 21 over the hanging end 14 increases friction between the cable or wire and the hanging end 14. In various embodiments, grooves 13 (~~not shown~~) on the inside surface 11 of the hanging end 14, as described hereinabove, increase friction between the cable or wire and the hanging end 14. Increased friction between the cable or wire and the hanging end 14 makes it more difficult for the cable or wire to slip out of the hanging end 14. Also, in various embodiments, a clamp or latch 17 (~~not shown~~) on the hanging end 14, as described herein above, may prevent cable or wire from slipping out of the hanging end 14.